

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

(Tuesday, March 15, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Ratliff
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis

Absent—Excused

Lane Weinert

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Heavenly Father, we are in a broken and divided world. Racially, economically, politically, and religiously, we are divided; broken, and confused. Teach us that it is the devil's device to divide and defeat. Make us to be tolerant of one another, and to be ONE in our desires for Thy kingdom to come, and Thy will be done in this Senate. For Christ's sake. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leave of Absence

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Bills and Resolution Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read the following enrolled bills and resolution:

S. C. R. No. 30, Inviting the Honorable Frank G. Clement, Governor of Tennessee, to address a Joint Session.

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and empowering the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas acting by the Chancellor thereof to execute and deliver a deed to certain land in Angelina County, Texas, conveying said land to the Hudson Independent School District of Angelina County, Texas; etc.; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the salary of the Judge of the El Paso County Court at Law; amending Section 11 of Chapter 93, Acts of the — Legislature, 1917, as amended; and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Subsection 12 of Section II of Article I, and all of Section IV of Article I of Chapter 24, Acts of the Regular Session of the 51st Legislature, which amended Chapter 75, Acts of the Regular Session of the 50th Legislature, relating to the Texas Municipal Retirement System; and declaring an emergency."

Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Kelley submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 268, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 312, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 335, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred S. B. No. 347, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 11, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 27, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 34, have had the same under considera-

tion, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage, to whom was referred H. B. No. 108, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

KELLEY, Chairman.

Senator Secrest submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. B. No. 271, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass as amended, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 208, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 27, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 26, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 22, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 32, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

SECREST, Vice-Chairman

Senator Hardeman submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 305, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 190, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed

to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 67, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 327, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 223, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 297, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State

Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 296, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 321, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 343, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 261, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 247, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 286, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman

Senator Fuller submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas

March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic, to whom was referred H. B. No. 24, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

FULLER, Chairman

Senate Resolution 112

Senator Secrest submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery 31 students of State and Local Government from Paul Quinn College of Waco, Texas, accompanied by Mr. J. L. Burks; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens are here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Secrest by unanimous consent presented the students and Mr. Burks to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Bill 354 on First Reading

Senator Aikin moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Lane Weinert

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Aikin:

S. B. No. 354, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to George Parchman and wife, Leona Parchman, consent of the Legislature to sue the State of Texas, Texas State Highway Department and/or Texas State Highway Commission for the alleged taking of their lands and improvements thereon for public use by the Texas State Highway Department and for damages to 13 acres of land, more or less, and improvements thereon, situated in Franklin County, Texas, allegedly resulting from the construction of State Highway Number 1, U. S. Highway Number 67, its subsequent maintenance, and the changes made in pre-existing water drainage facilities, which highway runs through Franklin County, Texas; providing that suit may be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Texas; providing a savings clause; providing for service of process; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Senate Bill 355 on First Reading

Senator Fuller moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time

a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Lane Weinert

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Fuller:

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing cities which have adopted their charters under Article II, Section 5, of the Constitution of Texas, to abandon airport lands and properties for airport purposes, owned by such cities when same are no further needful for airport purposes, and to dispose of, lease for oil, gas and mineral exploration and development, or to sell such properties, or any part thereof, or to use such properties for any other useful purposes, and to use the proceeds therefrom for any needful municipal purposes; provided that this act shall apply only to such cities located in counties having a population of not less than 150,000 and not more than 250,000 according to the last preceding federal census; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Bill 356 on First Reading

Senator Colson moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit her introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which she explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Lane

Weinert

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Colson:

S. B. No. 356, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the office of County Attorney of Polk County; creating the constitutional office of Criminal District Attorney of Polk County; providing for the election and tenure of office and prescribing the qualifications, powers, duties, compensation and expense of said office; providing for the appointment of assistants, investigators, clerks and stenographers and providing for their compensation and prescribing their powers and duties; providing for the appointment of the Criminal District Attorney until the next general election and until his successor shall qualify; providing from the effective date of this Act that the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas shall represent the State of Texas only in the 9th Judicial District Court of Texas and in the Special 9th Judicial District Court of Texas in the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto and that the provisions of this Act shall not affect the office of District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas in the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto and shall not affect the tenure of office and duties and powers of such District Attorney in said counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto; provid-

ing that the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District shall be elected for only the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto at the next general election and every four years thereafter and divesting the duties and powers of the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas to represent the State of Texas in the 9th Judicial District Court and the Special 9th Judicial District Court of Polk County and investing these powers and duties in the Resident Criminal District Attorney of Polk County, Texas; providing for a severability clause; providing for a repealing clause; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Joint Resolution 3 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Ashley and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. J. R. No. 3, Proposing an amendment to Section 56 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature be authorized to appropriate money and establish the procedure necessary to expend such money for the purpose of developing information about the natural, agricultural, industrial, educational, marketing and living resources of Texas and for the purpose of informing the people of Texas and other states through advertising, public relations or other promotional work, of the facts about the advantages offered by the State of Texas.

The resolution was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Joint Resolution 3 on Third Reading

Senator Ashley moved that Senate Rules 32 and 45 and the Constitutional rule requiring resolutions to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. J. R. No. 3 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—26

Aikin	Colson
Ashley	Corbin
Bracewell	Fuller

Hardeman	Ratliff
Hazlewood	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
Latimer	Rogers of Travis
Lock	Secrest
Martin	Shireman
Moore	Strauss
Owen	Wagonseller
Parkhouse	Willis
Phillips	

Nays—3

Fly	Moffett
McDonald	

Absent—Excused

Lane	Weinert
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The President then laid the resolution before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The resolution was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Willis
Moore	

Nays—3

Fly	Moffett
McDonald	

Absent—Excused

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Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
March 15, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 64, Permitting the

House to take up for consideration at any time House Bill No. 140.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Resolution 113

Senator Ratliff offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Honorable Howard McMahon, publisher of the Abilene-Reporter News and Vice President of the Reporter Publishing Company, Abilene, Texas, was named the city's most outstanding citizen for 1954 at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night, March 11; and

Whereas, Mr. McMahon has served as Co-Chairman of the National Defense Committee of the Chamber of Commerce for many years, and has worked tirelessly and given unselfishly of his time in guiding Abilene's efforts to obtain a permanent Air Force Base at the site of the old Tye Air Force Base established during World War II; and

Whereas, As Co-Chairman of the Water Committee of the Chamber of Commerce he has been diligent in his work to expand the city's water supply. Last year he pushed investigation of a multi-city dam on Hubbard Creek near Breckenridge; he has held many preliminary conferences and made frequent trips to Austin and to Washington, D. C. exploring the possibility of securing water from the Upper Colorado River Authority and in continued consideration of a proposed Brazos River Authority dam at Nugent, Texas, on the Clear Fork of that river; and

Whereas, Mr. McMahon is a devout member of the Methodist Church; is a member and a past president of the Abilene Lions Club; is a member of the Abilene Country Club which he has also served as a Board member; and a member of the Abilene Club; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas commend Mr. McMahon for outstanding service to his community and to his State, and that a copy of this Resolution, properly endorsed, be mailed to him in recognition of his ability and his integrity.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Reports of Standing Committee

Senator Fly, by unanimous consent, submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred S. B. No. 309, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

FLY, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred S. B. No. 37, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

FLY, Chairman

Austin, Texas
March 15, 1955

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred S. B. No. 287, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

FLY, Chairman

Senate Resolution 114

Senator Bracewell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the junior and senior students of Saint Agnes Academy of Houston, Harris County, Texas, accompanied by Sister M. Baptista; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens is here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of

the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

BRACEWELL
STRAUSS

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Bracewell, by unanimous consent, presented the students and their teacher to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Bill 185 on Second Reading

Senator Lock asked unanimous consent to suspend the regular order of business to take up S. B. No. 185 for consideration at this time.

There was objection.

Senator Lock then moved to suspend the regular order of business and take up for consideration at this time S. B. No. 185 on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—22

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Wagonseller
Lock	Willis
McDonald	

Nays—7

Fuller	Phillips
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Martin	Strauss
Moore	

Absent—Excused

Lane	Weinert
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The President laid before the Senate on its second reading the following bill:

S. B. No. 185, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing each of the Governing Boards of the various state institutions of higher education to collect a fee from regularly enrolled students not to exceed Twenty and No/100 (\$20.00) Dollars per semester or entire summer session for student services and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read the second time.

Senator Phillips offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend S. B. 185, Section 1, line 25, after the period following the word session the following:

"No fee to be collected under the provision of this Act shall be mandatory and no student shall be assessed such fee without his permission."

The amendment was read.

(Pending discussion of the amendment by Senator Phillips, Senator Kazen occupied the chair temporarily.)

(President in the Chair.)

Question—Shall the amendment by Senator Phillips to S. B. No. 185 be adopted?

Executive Session

On motion of Senator Aikin and by unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to hold an executive session at 11:58 o'clock a. m. today.

Accordingly, the Presiding Officer directed all those not entitled to attend the executive session of the Senate to retire from the Senate Chamber and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to close all doors leading from the Chamber.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Secretary of the Senate informed the Journal Clerk that the Senate had confirmed the following nominations of the Governor:

To be a member of the State Highway Commission, term to expire February 15, 1961,

Herbert C. Petry, Jr., of Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County.

To be District Attorney of the 35th Judicial District to fill the unexpired term of Bill Allcorn, resigned,

David Morris of Brownwood, Brown County.

To be Branch Pilot for Galveston Bar and Houston Ship Channel for term to expire February 10, 1957,

M. E. Palmer of Harris County.

In Legislative Session

The President called the Senate to order as in Legislative Session at 12:22 o'clock p. m. today.

Bills and Resolution Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the captions had been read the following enrolled bills and resolution:

H. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and regulate the activities of a 'Life Insurance Counselor'; to provide for the licensing thereof; to provide exceptions; to provide that contracts between a Life Insurance Counselor and any person, firm or corporation shall be in writing for enforceability; to provide for partial invalidity; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 228, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 277, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature of Texas, as amended by Chapter 290, Acts, 47th Leg., R. S., 1941, page 463, and as heretofore otherwise amended, by adding sub-section (e) to Section 1a (1) thereof, excepting from the definition of 'Motor Carrier' and 'Contract Carrier,' and exempting from the provisions of such Acts, any person transporting fresh iced fish or shellfish from coastal production-landing points to packing or freezing plants upon the filing of certain insurance; providing for the repeal of all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act; providing that if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, word or part of this Act be held invalid or unconstitutional it shall not affect the remaining portions; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 57 of House Bill No. 6, Chapter 492, Acts Fifty-second Legislature, Regular Session, 1951, the Election Code of the State of Texas, to provide that the name of no candidate shall appear more than once upon the official ballot, except as a candidate for two (2) or more offices permitted by the Constitution to be held by the same person; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the leasing of certain areas to the National Audubon Society for the purpose of propagating, protecting and conserving birds and bird life; re-enacting and amending Sections 1 and 2 of Senate Bill No. 42, Chapter 20, Page 32 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the 37th Legisla-

ture, 1921, so as to extend the areas subject to lease; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 332, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for authorization for the Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools to discharge any nonresident patient or student; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 334, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of persons released from State Schools for the feeble-minded or mentally retarded to the committing county; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 144, H. B. 545, Acts 51st Leg., R. S., p. 265, so as to include a student health clinic in the enumeration of buildings, structures, equipment, and facilities, that the Board of Directors of Texas Southern University may be authorized and empowered to acquire, equip, and finance as provided in Chapter 144; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 74, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Directors of Texas Southern University to request the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and/or the Secretary of Defense of the United States to establish and maintain courses of training at said institution; and authorizing the Board of Directors to enter into contracts for such purposes; authorizing the Board of Directors to establish regulations as to credit toward degree requirements; providing the training shall not be required for entrance or graduation; and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. 27, Granting Ashel T. Shults and wife permission to sue the State.

Senate Resolution 115

Senator Willis offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We were honored to have in the gallery on March 14, 1955 the 6th Grade Classes in History, Geography, and Civics of Kennedale, Texas, accompanied by their sponsor, Mr. Jack Vereen and parents, Mr. B. E. Lansford, Mrs. Loflin and Mrs. Wyatt, and

Whereas, These students and guests

were on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens were here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and commend this class for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Ashley the Senate at 12:24 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

(Wednesday, March 16, 1955)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moore
Ashley	Owen
Bracewell	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Ratliff
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Hazlewood	Rogers of Travis
Kazen	Secrest
Kelley	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Wagonseller
Martin	Weinert
McDonald	Willis
Moffett	

Absent—Excused

Lane

A quorum was announced present. Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, we pray for men and women to match our times. Teach us that a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches; and "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth